Drags for control of Diabetic and Blindness

1618. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARY Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phenformin, Glipizide anc" Glybenclamide are used for control of diabetic and blindness;

(b) whether Kelkar Committee did not think these oral antidiabetics as essential and important;

(c) whether his Ministry referred tbe matter to Health Ministry for their views; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective" steps are being token in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) The Drugg referred to in the question, are meant for control of dia_ betis and not Blindness. Out of them, only Glybenclamide was included in the list of Schedule II drugs on the basis of earlier recommendations of the Kelkar Committee. Glybenclamide has since been excluded .from price control on the basis of recommendations of Kelkar Cornmittee contained in the Supplementary Report.

(ci No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Higher prices of Ampicillin Capsules

. . -1619. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is-a "fact that Kelkar Committee has invited his attention to the fact that same pack' of Ampicillin Caosules are being sold by small scale units at a price higher than the ceiling price;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has also come to the conclusion that consumer suffers on both accounts of price and quality;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined this recommendation; and

(d)' if so, what decision has been taken an- if not, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO); (a) to (d) All Category-II formulations including Ampicillin Capsules, are exempt from price control under DPCO, 1987, when manufactured by SSI Unitg subject to certain conditions.

Prices of Dilosyn .Expectorant formulations

1620. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Dilosyn Expectorant Fersolate Tablets, Tetttnus Antitoxin Arovit, Bonedon and Redoxan ranee of formulations before the announcement of Drugs Price Control Order. 1987 and price off each as on 31st March, 1989; and

(b) what stens are being taken to check the steep price rise?

THE MTNISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRT J. VENGALRAO): (a) and *(b)* As per the provisions of DPCO, 1937 the referred formulations- are price decontrolled except Arovit. & Redoxan (subsequently brought under price control and the prices of which will be regulated as per the provisions *of DPCO 1987 and* manufacturers themselves determine the prices. However Government is keeping a watch and intervenes *where*ever found necessary, The ronuired details to *the* extent available are given at Annexure *[See* Appendix CL." Annexure No. 711.